

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Division of Select Agents and Toxins

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am in favor of the reconstructed 1918 pandemic influenza virus to be included in the list of select agents.

In addition, I advocate that the following further actions be taken:

- (1) Any viral entity containing at least one 1918 gene should be added to the select agents list.
- (2) Any nucleic acid segments containing at least one 1918 gene should be added to the select agents list.
- (3) Any work with any of the above should be done in a BSL 4 laboratory.
- (4) Work on any of the above shall NOT be performed at any institution that also performs work with avian H5N1 influenza virus.
- (5) Any efforts to create chimeric or reassorted viruses containing at least one 1918 gene and an avian H5N1 avian influenza HA or NA gene shall be strictly prohibited.

Sincerely,

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